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chair crushing the letter in her hand and with an expression on her face that stamped itself upon the mind of her child, said: 'I will write something, I will, if I live.'

The meeting concluded with hearty votes of thanks to Mr. Hawkes and his staff for their very efficient co-operation in making the meeting such a success; and to the speakers for their exceedingly interesting papers.

WM. THRELFALL, *Hon. Sec.*

SOUTH COAST DIVISION.

A Meeting of the Western Section was held at Winchester on Wednesday, 20th May, and was attended by members from Bournemouth, Portsmouth and Southampton.

The party first visited the Cathedral Library, over which they were conducted by the Rev. Canon Goodman, B.D., Hon. Assistant Librarian, whose instructive remarks concerning the Library's bibliographical treasures rendered the visit doubly interesting.

Tea was served in the Abbey House, where the visitors were the guests of the Ex-Mayor and Chairman of the Winchester Library Committee, Councillor H. P. Vacher, and Mrs. Vacher. Councillor Vacher in a genial speech extended a warm welcome to all present. Thanks were expressed to Councillor and Mrs. Vacher by Mr. James Hutt, M.A., Borough Librarian, Portsmouth.

After tea the party returned to the Cathedral, over which they were conducted by a guide, whose extensive knowledge of the architectural features thereof rendered the visit of extreme interest.

The evening meeting was held at the Abbey House, Mr. James Hutt, M.A. (Borough Librarian, Portsmouth) being in the Chair. A paper was read by Mr. F. A. Richards, Portsmouth, on "Qualifications for Librarianship." During the discussion which followed several members commented on the action of certain County Authorities in appointing untrained persons as County Librarians.

A very successful Meeting was concluded with votes of thanks to Mr. F. W. C. Pepper, City Librarian, Winchester, for having arranged such an attractive programme, and Mr. F. A. Richards for his interesting paper.

J. V. S.

APPOINTMENTS.

*BEACH, L. H., to be Second Assistant Librarian, Portsmouth.

*COOPER, F. J., Second Assistant Librarian, to be First Assistant Librarian, Portsmouth.

*CREED, W. T., Senior Assistant, Coventry Public Libraries, to be Deputy Librarian, Fulham Public Libraries. Salary, £200 + £70 14s. 2d. bonus.

The other candidates selected for interview were A. L. Carver, Swindon; *W. J. A. Hahn, Camberwell; R. E. Lyde, Cheltenham; *F. S. Smith, Bethnal Green.

Mr. Smith withdrew before the appointment was made.

*JACKSON, C. M., Sunderland Public Libraries, to be Assistant Birmingham Public Libraries. Salary, incl. bonus, £275, plus allowance for L.A. certificates.

NEW MEMBERS.

Midland Division. *Associates:* Misses M. E. C. Clegg and K. N. Humphries, Birmingham.

North Western Division: Miss E. Woods and G. Berry, Accrington; T. Noble, Salford.

• Member A. A. L.

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in the Guildhall Library. For the student of Dickens there is, therefore, now available in London a most unique reference library *open daily between 11 and 1 p.m., and 2 and 5 p.m.* Mr. F. W. T. Lange, the librarian, will always be pleased to see anyone interested in Dickensian subjects during such hours, or other times by appointment.

Doughty Street lies just north of Theobald's Road and Gray's Inn, and runs parallel with Gray's Inn Road—trams and buses pass within four minutes of the House.

The Work of the Council.—Following on correspondence with the authorities of the University of London asking for representation on the School of Librarianship, the Council have decided to ask the Library Association to grant us one of their seats. Mr. Bussey, owing to pressure of other work, asked to be relieved of the duty of distributing the Journal. The heartiest thanks of the Council were accorded him for his past services. Few members outside the Council realise the enormous amount of real hard work entailed in the distribution of over 1,000 copies of the journal every month. Messrs. Parker and Wright have been deputed to visit the Association's Library and to overhaul thoroughly the stock. Mr. Sandry made a report to the Council of the visit to the Public Libraries Committee, and the President reported on the inaugural meeting of the Eastern Counties Division, which he and the Honorary Secretary attended.

The New Committees of the Council are : *Finance and General Purposes* : Mr. F. E. Sandry (Chairman), Miss Fairweather, Messrs. Bullen, Evans, Strother, Chubb, Webb and Cooper (Hon. Sec.); *Press and Publications* : Mr. G. F. Vale (Chairman), Miss Gerard, Messrs. Briggs, Bussey, Cashmore, Hurford and Cross (Hon. Sec.); *Library and Education* : Mr. W. H. Parker (Chairman), Miss Exley, Miss Rees, Messrs. Burton, Muskett, Wright and Smith (Hon. Sec.); *Benevolent Fund Committee* : Miss Fairweather, Messrs. Bullen, Evans, Sandry, together with the President, Vice-President and Hon. Treasurer; *Education Sub-Committee* : President, Vice-President, Hon. Treasurer, Miss Exley, Messrs. Sandry, Smith and Wright, and one representative to be submitted from each of the Divisions.

The *Next Meeting* of the Council will be held at the National Library for the Blind, on Wednesday, September 9th, at 7 p.m.

A.A.L. Series.—The stock in hand is being rapidly depleted by frequent sales. All those who wish to obtain copies of the pamphlets in print should order them at once, as indicated on p. 4 of the cover.

Appointments.—All assistants are requested to send to the Honorary Editor for publication, particulars of appointments and changes affecting them.

The Distribution of the Journal is in the hands of Mr. J. L. Gilliam, Central Library, Croydon, to whom all communications concerning distribution should be sent.

Publication of the Journal.—We go to Press on the 20th of the month. All matter for inclusion in the next number should be in our hands by the 18th.

Marriage.—The marriage took place at Boscombe, on August 3rd, of Miss L. Turle and Mr. F. A. Richards. Mr. Richards is of course, well-known to all members of the Association, on the Council of which he has served. He has worked successively on the staffs of the Bournemouth, Bethnal Green and Portsmouth libraries, and recently was appointed deputy librarian at Darlington. We wish both Mr. and Mrs. Richards long life, happiness and success.

Burnley.—We understand that the Carnegie United Kingdom trust are seeking a definite undertaking from the Burnley Corporation that no unavoidable delay would occur in the erection of the new central library. The trustees are inclined to grant a short extension of the time, within which, financial assistance will be forthcoming from them.

Infection by Books.—The "Lancet" of 25th July, contains an article on this vexed subject by J. E. McCartney, M.D., D.Sc., Director of Research, Metropolitan Asylums Board. After stating the problem and the various possible infections, the writer goes on to say that

"There are numerous methods of spread of infectious disease, many of which we do not know, and a possible means is not necessarily the probable one.

The question of spread of infection by books was recently discussed by the Society of Medical Officers of Health.¹ The general opinion was that there was no knowledge that infection was conveyed through books, but in the light of uncertainty definite measures should still be taken to prevent the possibility of spread of infection.

This summary indicates the view that must be taken in consideration of the meagre knowledge we possess regarding the spread of infectious disease. Apart from small-pox, the chance of infection by books is extremely small, but the medical officer should take no risks and should deal with the books as if they were infectious. In conclusion, it may be stated that it is extremely improbable that library books play an active part in the dissemination of infectious disease."

Library Association Conference at Birmingham, 14th—18th September.—The reception, by the Local Reception Committee, takes place in the Reference Library, Ratcliff Place, at 8 p.m. on Monday, 14th September. On Tuesday, there will be the official reception by the Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor of Birmingham, the

¹Public Health, 1923-24, v.37 : 265, 295, 296.

induction of the President (C. Grant Robertson, Esq., C.V.O., M.A., LL.D., Principal of Birmingham University) and the Presidential Address. During the Conference papers will be read by A. F. Ridley, Esq., Librarian, British Non-Ferrous Metals Research Association, "Special Libraries and Information Bureaux"; Prof. F. E. Sandbach, M.A., Ph.D., Birmingham University, "Inter-Library Loaning"; S. R. Ranganathan, Esq., M.A., Librarian, Madras University Library, "The Organisation of Reference Libraries"; Rev. A. B. Bateman, "Libraries from a Reader's Point of View"; C. R. Sanderson, Esq., Librarian, Reform Club, "The Value of Official and Parliamentary Publications."

Excursions have been arranged to Bournville, Coventry, Oscott College and Aston Hall, Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon.

An Exhibition of Books, Bookbinding and Library Appliances will be opened by the President, on Tuesday, 15th September, at the Galleries of the Royal Birmingham Society of Artists.

All assistants are advised to watch the daily press, particularly the Birmingham papers, for reports of the Conference.

The Special Library Association Conference is to be held at Balliol College, Oxford, September 25th—28th. Judging from the tentative programme an extremely interesting series of papers and discussions will be provided. The first evening will be devoted to the reception and a general discussion, which will include statements from Mr. A. F. Ridley, Prof. Sandbach, and Mr. A. E. Twentyman. Saturday is taken up with The Present Position of the Special Library Movement, Abstracting, Filing, and the Press in Relation to Special Libraries and Information Bureaux, with contributions from Mr. Borlase Mathews, Mr. Jast, Miss Rankin of the Special Libraries Association of America, Mr. T. Coulson, and Maj. Simnett. Sunday morning and evening will be occupied with the Special Library and Information Bureaux in Different Spheres, such as Education, Sociology, Advertising, Drama, Transport, Economics, Industry, etc.

Salaries.—A writer in the "Morning Post" of 23rd July in the course of an article on "Literature and Leisure" states that "The life of a librarian is a peaceful enough affair, and the work generally proves of particular interest to women. As to salary, this generally averages between five and six pounds a week, which is considered a fair sum as things go nowadays."

This kind of thing is extremely misleading, and creates an altogether false hope in the young woman entrant into the profession. There are but few posts of £300 per annum available, and these give no shadow of excuse for the above exaggerated statement.

Obituary.—We learn, with deep regret, of the deaths recently of Mrs. J. D. Brown, widow of the late James Duff Brown, and of Mr. Baker Hudson, Chief Librarian of Middlesborough since 1886. We offer our deepest sympathy to the relatives in their bereavement.

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC LIBRARIES: a Teacher's Point of View.*

By C. W. COWEN, ESQ., *Headmaster,*

The Cathedral Schools, Sheffield.

May I at the outset express my appreciation of your kind invitation to address you on a subject of "Education and Libraries from a teacher's point of view."

What is Education? It is not the mere teaching of people to read, write and cipher correctly. If that is all, it will in the great majority of cases cease when the child leaves school for employment. It is much more than that! Surely it is to train men and women to think (1) justly; (2) temperately, and (3) wisely; to weigh evidence, and to make wise decisions. Arnold said that "What a man seeks through Education is to get to know himself and the World."

If this is true, and I think it is, then Education only commences in the schools. We teachers can provide the tools, we can give guidance in the early days—and in the early days only; the Libraries of this country must continue our work, and in the end produce the finished article.

Education commences with Birth, and ends only with the Grave. Hence it follows that there should be close co-operation between Teachers and Librarians, as the work of the Librarian must commence in the schools.

What then are my views as a teacher on the important subject of Co-operation—mutual help, mutual give and take?

My experience as a sometime member of a City Library Committee, has impressed upon me that there are really two equally important points of view. The view of the teacher as to what is ideal, and the view of the Librarian as to what is practicable. It is only when those two views coalesce, and we get a Common Denominator of Agreement, that real progress will eventuate. Thus we must have co-operation—real, effective, and helpful—between the staffs of the Libraries and the Teachers—and especially the Class Teachers who are in daily and intimate touch with those children who in the very near future are to be the readers at our Public Libraries. I can at the outset assure

* Read before the Yorkshire Division, 7th May, 1925.

you of the very hearty, and willing co-operation of the teachers of the country, and especially of the Sheffield Teachers, in this connection.

What are the problems which confront us? First and foremost is the selection of the right kind of book for young readers. Of course, the teachers could at once supply you with a list of books which they would find useful in following up the lessons given in the schools. I refer particularly to lessons in History and Geography. In the former case it would be quite an easy matter, to prepare a list of suitable Historical Novels, and in the latter case books of the character of "Peeps at Other Lands." It is, however, when we come to attempt to make a selection of books on "General Literature"—suitable and acceptable to children—that I personally feel great diffidence. In my experience the books chosen by adults for children have in 50 per cent. of cases been quite wrong. We forget—we people of mature age :

- (1) What books we enjoyed from 10 to 14 years of age.
- (2) What great strides Juvenile Literature has made in the last few years ; how much wider is the choice.

We teachers are especially prone to make this mistake. We are inclined to think that every child should of necessity read "Scott and Dickens," because they are classics ; forgetting that they were written for people of mature age.

My own experience leads me to the conclusion that :

- (1) Up to the age of 12, "Myths" "Fairy Tales of all Nations," and "Tales of Adventure," are very popular and useful.
- (2) Up to the age of 13 or 14, the so-called "Boys' Books" are eagerly read by Girls.
- (3) At that age, however, the point of view changes completely, the Boys revelling in books relating to Mechanism, the Girls reverting to books of Imagination. It is the age at which Boys want to make something, but Girls begin to dream Dreams.

Here comes in the experience of the trained and observant Librarian. Your experience and your statistics will tell us what children really do read if the choice is left to them. In this respect, I think that your experience will be a better guide, than the teachers' ideals of what children *should* read.

Having made a selection of Children's Books, we must of necessity have a *Children's Catalogue*, entirely separate from the Catalogue for Adults. In this way—in this way only—can the Class Teacher supervise and guide the general reading of his class. With the provision of a Children's Catalogue, most Class teachers will have in his or her room, a list of books to be read by his class ; and in this way there will be a close link between the Class Room and the Library. The preparation and arrangement of the Catalogue is work for the expert, and must be left entirely in the hands of the Library Staff.

How are the books to be obtained? There are several ways; the most successful in my opinion being the provision in each Library of a Children's Department, or Room, in the charge of a specially trained Librarian—preferably a woman—where books are available for all on the Open Access System, and the children are left in some measure to make their own choice.

This room should be provided with tables, where children should be able to read, and if necessary, to write. Personally, I am not in favour of this room being used as a room where children prepare Home Lessons, unless such preparation necessitates reference to some book or books, stored in the Children's Section. The room, however, should be sufficiently commodious to serve on special occasions as a Lecture Room; and should be provided with facilities for Lantern Lectures. We teachers are particularly anxious that lectures should be given in the Libraries in such subjects as:

- (1) How to use a Library.
- (2) How to use a Catalogue.
- (3) How to make the most of the Open Access System.
- (4) How to read a book.
- (5) Together with Studies of selected Writers and selected books.

These are subjects, which in my opinion, will be best dealt with by members—specially selected—of the Library staff. It is expert work, and the expert only can deal with it successfully.

In addition we think that the room should be used for the purpose of Story Telling. Here we are on delicate ground—for it is given to few people to tell Stories acceptably, and especially to Young children. If these meetings are to be successful, the Story Teller must be chosen with great care. Here I personally think a trained teacher, preferably a trained Infant Teacher, would be most successful.

Where it is not possible to provide a separate Children's Room in a Library it may be possible to provide:—

- (1) *A Library in each School Department.*

In that case the Education Authority should provide the money, and the Library Committee arrange and carry out the scheme.

I am aware that some teachers would prefer this to a Children's Room at the Public Library. Personally, I do not agree. I believe that School Children should be in touch with the Public Library as soon as possible. It should be the province of the School to initiate and develop this connection between the School and the Library.

- (2) *Circulating Boxes to the Schools*—the Education Authority again being responsible for the Finance of the Scheme.

Where there is no Children's Room, I think that Children's Special Tickets should be distributed to all the children in the upper Standards of our Schools who ask for them. In this way the children acquire at an early age the habit of attendance at the Libraries.

I have in the short time at my disposal endeavoured to indicate what is in the minds of teachers on this question. I am painfully aware that there is nothing really new in my suggestions—I am aware that all the points I have enumerated are in use in some Libraries in the country—may be all are in use in a select few. What I am anxious to impress upon you is that the teachers of the country are fully alive to the paramount importance of creating a reading and a thinking democracy; an end only to be obtained by wide and wise reading and trained thinking. Unfortunately we teachers lose the child at an age when this real Education is just beginning; we can give him the tools but *he must educate himself, and that in a large number of cases he can only do by the aid of the Public Libraries.* If, therefore, we teachers and you Librarians have not created a love of reading for its own sake, have not forged an unbreakable link between the schools and the Libraries, we have failed in our life's work.

To that end you may rest assured of the hearty co-operation of the teachers in a consultative and advisory capacity—for we can only help in such a capacity. Yours is the work of administration, you are the experts at your own job.

If you require our help call upon us, and we shall be more than willing to co-operate in your great work—the work of real and never ending Education, a work in which you—the Assistant Librarians—play just that part which is played by the Class Teacher in our Schools; the persons in intimate touch with the budding life of the community.

THE USE OF STATISTICS.

A recent study of the annual reports of various libraries has forced us to the conclusion that the present methods of keeping statistics produce little or nothing of real value for constructive work. The statistics we have seen, and their use, rather inclines us to the view that flower-displays and window-dressing are looked upon as the mission of statistics. This appears to us to be all wrong. The real work of statistics should be to reveal or indicate the strengths and weaknesses of a system in all its aspects. To this end all statistics we believe should tend, in order that they may serve the purpose of pointing out to those in charge of a system, its inefficiencies and inequalities.

In effect, this is nothing more nor less than "costing." If, therefore, we direct our energies towards the collection of statistical records akin to "cost accounts" as it were, we shall be in the position of being able to say fairly definitely whether every department of the service is "pulling its weight."

The recent work of Mr. McColvin on Book Selection contained some valuable remarks on the classification of issues and the need of it

for determining the relations of supply and demand. That chapter alone rendered a great service to librarianship. If one may employ the term, a "closely classified" issue record is bound to indicate usage far more than a broadly classified one. Dead and unattractive stock will become apparent; live stock and the need for concentration on certain sections will be apparent also.

In addition, it would, we think, lead to a greater discrimination in purchase, so that whilst paying due and proper attention to the obviously "productive" books, the "unproductive" might be exploited and interest created; for the stimulation of interest and shall we say the beckoning into hitherto unexplored paths is surely a definite part of our work. With the books themselves, something more might be done. For instance, one or two libraries record on the back of the title page of each book the date it passes into circulation, the number of issues it sustains until it is bound, the number until it is bound again, and finally the total issues sustained up to the time of withdrawal. From this record can be deduced many facts since various types of books pass into circulation. These types may be divided into books as issued by the publishers, secondhand copies passed straight into circulation, secondhand copies bound before passing into circulation, and books purchased in sheets and bound. The data resulting from a close inspection of the life-history records of these different classes of books, together with the first and subsequent costs will prove extremely valuable and assist in determining the most economical form of book to purchase.

Allied to this series of statistical records are those relating to "outside" binding and "home" bindery costs. The average cost of binding lending library books is about 2s. 5d. per volume. This figure taken into consideration with the total cost of a home bindery will determine whether it is more economical to send out books to be bound and restrict the home bindery to repair work, and the hundred and one other jobs.

Another series of statistics that strike us as likely to prove eminently valuable, are those relating to traffic, hours of opening, costs of lighting and heating, issue periods, etc. A count of the issues made at the end of each hour will indicate the busy and slack periods, and the figures studied in conjunction with the number of staff available, and the hours open, will serve to settle a number of problems. From these figures can be learned a variety of facts such as whether it is economical to open all day, close during the lunch hour, revise time sheets to provide a larger staff at busy times, and whether the closing hour is needlessly late or too early. Some such statistics, we think, must have been kept at Edinburgh, since we notice that during the height of the holiday season an experiment in closing the lending library

during the morning is being tried. On the other hand, the publication to the public of the figures showing the traffic at different hours of the day, may result in a little voluntary spreading out on the part of the borrowers, thereby eliminating the "crush period," when proper attention to borrower's requirements is nearly impossible.

From a study of the fines receipts, we wonder whether our period of loan without fine is right. The 2d. fine appears to be the most lucrative. This may indicate either that the loan period is too short, or a might-as-well-be-hung-for-a-sheep-as-a-lamb attitude on the part of the borrowers. Borrowers' tickets are another problem. From the Home Counties Branch of the Library Association's Report on the Library System of their area, we learn that the period of validity ranges from 1 to 5 years. Automatic cancellation of tickets not renewed, takes place, we presume, some little time after the expiration of the ticket. The larger the library system, of course, the more necessary is it to study the period of validity closely in order to determine the most economical length with regard to staff, the work involved, and the general wear and tear of the tickets.

Another field in which much can be learned from statistics, is that of the provision and preservation of periodicals. There are many libraries which possess long sets of periodicals, and still continue to bind them. For what reason? A statistical record of issues will, we are certain, reveal no reason except possession in many cases. The possibility of use at some future date is not nearly sufficient when studied with regard to more profitable books from the point of usage and storage available. In no sense is the municipal public library a national library, rather is it an attempt to provide a "productive" selection of the best literature. The border line between museum and library must be kept.

The obvious way out of this difficulty seems to be a kind of arrangement for pooling of resources, and the avoidance of unnecessary duplication. Then, too, a record of the daily use of periodicals will indicate whether we are justified in retaining some on the purchase list.

The numerous forms of statistics we have indicated appear, on the surface, to be far too many to be kept without a large staff, but we are convinced that an intensive study along some of the above lines, say once in five years, is a practical proposition. There does seem to us the need for a closer study of the working of a library in this manner in order to see whether every cog in the machine is working effectively. Haphazard and guesswork selection and administration methods do not help in the running of any business. The institution of a statistical system devised to aid us in running our "business" can only be productive of good results.

H. C.

LITTLE THINGS THAT MATTER ; or, The Education of the Junior Assistant.*

By J. HUTT, Esq., M.A., *Chief Librarian, Portsmouth.*

First of all, I desire to express to the Members of the Division my best thanks for the honour done me in electing me President of the South Coast Branch of the Association of Assistant Librarians. There is no need for me to say how interested I have been in all that pertains to the assistant librarian, particularly those of the districts in which my lot has fallen, nor that I shall continue, whether in office or not, to be so interested always.

Next, I come to the fact that the Hon. Secretary has asked me to give you some kind of Presidential address, even though I am not present to deliver it myself. Unfortunately, after accepting the invitation to be present at Chichester this afternoon, I received a summons to an Education Committee of the Library Association, and as Chairman of that Committee, with important matters coming forward, I felt it my duty to be in London rather than in Chichester, much as I should have enjoyed the latter. Here let me say that I most heartily wish you a successful gathering.

Moreover, it is a comparatively easy matter, when present in person, to get up and say a few words to an appreciative audience on a congenial subject, but far more difficult to prepare a set address to be read on one's behalf.

With these few preliminary remarks, I will turn to my subject, and will begin by pointing out that my title does not concern examinations and results, at least, not in the immediate sense. Probably quite a number of you have had enough of examinations, *and* results, for the present ; I, therefore, turn to the little things that crop up in everyday routine in the library, and would ask for your consideration of a number of small points. Naturally, most of my remarks are addressed to the juniors, who, I am glad to notice, form a brave percentage of those present at these meetings.

(1) *The Assistant in relation to the Public.* This, I suppose, is the most important phase of one's work, though I am afraid very few assistants realise it at the start of their career. There is no end to the points of contact between the public and the library staff, and these should always be as frictionless as possible. From the prospective juvenile reader coming in to obtain an application form right up to the research reader in the reference-room, there are always some who, by their manner or attitude, produce that grating feeling which makes it so difficult to keep one's temper. There is the applicant who wants all sorts of explanations of the library's rules and regulations ;

* Presidential Address to the South Coast Division, read at Chichester, 3rd July, 1925.

the person who wishes to argue the hours of opening, or the system of fines ; the reference-room reader who shouts rude things in a room full of students. All these call for the use of tact and courtesy, and if need be, the presence of a senior or even the chief himself. (Personally, I find the rude reader has generally disappeared before I reach the room to which I have been called.)

On the other hand, there is the assistant who acts in the alleged spirit of the Post Office attendant, slowly or superciliously, as if next week would do, or as if the reader was beneath one's notice. Or the one who does not take the trouble to explain to a reader the method of routine, or the reason for a delay, or similar thing. One could give concrete instances, but one would rather offer advice and say that common sense should be exercised as to how a matter should be dealt with ; this all adds to experience, that valuable commodity, the possession or absence of which makes all the difference when the chief comes to pen a testimonial on one's behalf.

Every effort, within reason, should be made to satisfy a reader's immediate need ; e.g., the Central and other branches should be tried for a much-wanted book ; a book put aside for binding that is badly needed should either be issued in its bad state (with a sufficient explanation as to its state), or its passage through the bindery should be hastened by a special note to the Department. A request for information at a Branch that cannot be answered should be noted, and sent in to the Central with a request for assistance in dealing with it. Instances of this sort of thing could be multiplied almost *ad nauseam*, but I think the foregoing remarks illustrate my meaning sufficiently.

(2) *The Assistant and the other Members of the Staff.* Here is a subject upon which, it may be, some of you will think it quite unnecessary for me to make remarks. But please remember that I was once a junior assistant, and that I have gone right through the mill.

First, do not hesitate to ask assistance or advice from your fellows. If they cannot help, then go to a senior, who possibly may pass you on to the Chief. But get all the help you can, and, acting on Capt. Cuttle's advice, "when found make a note of it." This applies not only to such assistants as are engaged in the Reference Room, but also to those who receive enquiries in the Lending Dept. If each assistant would keep an indexed common-place book, and would make a constant practice of entering therein anything that provides even the smallest information, he or she would be surprised at the amount and value of the notes in a very few months.

Here one might refer shortly to the Library Association Examinations and preparation for them. This is a matter in which an assistant is able to pass on to another very valuable help in the nature of advice on cataloguing or classification, routine or bibliography. Indeed, it reaches as far as classes in given subjects in various libraries, where seniors are generously willing to assist their juniors in this way. But

without organised classes such as this, it is still possible for help and advice on subjects to be passed on from one to another, and what is equally valuable, hints and tips as regards answering questions set in the awful paper.

Naturally, I am concerned chiefly with the official aspect of affairs ; but I may be permitted to refer to the private side of relationship between assistants, and would insist on the great value of social gatherings of various kinds as a means of assistants getting to know one another and their little ways. If Chief and seniors generally would recognize this, and, further, would participate in such affairs, there is no doubt that ordinary official happenings would go much more smoothly all round.

These may sound very trivial matters to some of you ; but to one who in his youth trembled as a juvenile reader in the presence of the Deputy Librarian of his native city, and later on quaked at the mere sight of the head senior assistant, each little thing carries weight, and may be commended to your consideration and application.

Remember that the library is provided to serve the public, and it is by the smooth running of little things that a library gets its reputation, whether for good or ill. And remember also, that these little things all form part of the education of the assistant, and by their accumulated influence bring a deal of weight to bear even in a Library Association Examination.

With renewed thanks for the honour done me in putting me in the President's chair, I conclude by wishing the Branch every success, both this year, and in the future.

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION EXAMINATIONS, MAY, 1925. PASS LIST.

SECTION I.—(LITERARY HISTORY).

61 Candidates sat. 35 Passed.

Merit.

Robinson, Miss M. U., Wakefield. *Sawyers, Miss M., Bradford.

Passed.

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| Allday, Miss O. M., Birmingham. | *Heap, Miss M., Keighley. |
| Asadullah, Khalifa Mohammed, Simla. | Hill, Miss C. A., Bath. |
| Biggs, J. H. E., Cardiff. | Hocking, C., Acton. |
| Bissett, Miss M. W., Manchester. | Illingworth, Miss E., Manchester. |
| *Boardman, F. J., Wallasey. | Jackson, Miss E., Stirling. |
| *Bradley, Miss H. F., Birmingham. | Lee, Miss H., Glasgow. |
| Burnett, J. A., Edinburgh. | *Madden, Miss G. K., Stockport. |
| Campbell, Miss O. P., Glasgow. | *Parr, Miss F. M., Birmingham. |
| Camplin, Miss E., Hackney. | *Paterson, Miss J. H., Birmingham. |
| *Chivers, H., Kidderminster. | Pollard, Miss V. M., Bath. |
| Clegg, Miss M. E. C., Birmingham. | *Preston, Miss W., Birmingham. |
| *Engall, F. S., Fulham. | Roe, Miss H. M., Thurles, Ireland. |
| Fergusson, Miss B. M., Bath. | Ryder, Miss M., Horwich. |
| *Hardy, Miss M. F., Birmingham. | *Sheffield, Miss M. C., Birmingham |
| | Smith, F. R. S., Guildhall Library. |

- *Stonebridge, A. J. D., St. Marylebone.
 *Thorne, Miss W. K., St. Bride's Institute.
 Swift, Miss C. N. M., Ealing.
 *Vernon, Miss P. M., Birmingham.
 Williams, W. T., Middlesborough.

SECTION II.—(BIBLIOGRAPHY).

27 Candidates sat. 17 Passed.

Merit.

Lee, W. A., Taunton.

*Nichols, D. D., Woolwich.

Passed.

Burke, J., Glasgow.

Poole, G. C., Cardiff.

Burton, A. W., Dept. of Overseas Trade.

Shapland, D., Bolton.

*Enderby, W., Grimsby.

*Smith, Miss L., Norwich.

Forsyth, J. W., Edinburgh.

Taylor, Miss P. M., Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Jones, A. F., Manchester.

*Waites, H. E., Fulham.

Kennedy, R. F., Johannesburg.

Williams, Miss E. M., Aberystwyth.

Lye, Miss D. M., Hove.

*Wood, H. G., Norwich.

Morrish, W. J., Cardiff.

SECTION III.—(CLASSIFICATION).

86 Candidates sat. 37 Passed.

Passed.

*Adey, F. C., Chelsea.

*Hobday, Miss E. M., Coventry.

Aslin, Miss M. S., Harpenden.

Hockey, V. G., Glasgow.

*Beasley, Miss L. A., Coventry.

Moyle, Miss E. M., Torquay.

*Bowley, Miss R., St. Marylebone.

Raeburn, A., Glasgow.

*Bradshaw, Miss E. M., Birmingham.

Revie, J., Glasgow.

Browning, Miss M., Bradford.

Riches, J. E., Croydon.

Carnell, Miss E. J., Exeter.

*Robinson, Miss G., Liverpool.

Carr, F., Sheffield.

*Rutter, S. J., Battersea.

Clark, Miss E. M., Cheltenham.

*Sagar, Miss A., Keighley.

*Crumpton, Miss A. A., Birmingham.

Schofield, Miss A., Norwich.

Falconer, Miss A. L., Cheltenham.

Schofield, E. B., Manchester.

*Flegg, Miss G. M., Ipswich.

Sherwood, Miss M. M., Bolton.

Furness, Miss N., Middlesborough.

*Skinner, Miss E., Newport.

Gillett, J. T., Hull.

*Turner, C. H., Woolwich.

Harris, Miss E. M., Aberystwyth.

Webster, Miss E., Dundee.

*Harrod, L. M., Fulham.

Wood, Miss A. W. P., Edinburgh.

Harvey, Miss H., Wakefield.

*Wood, H. G., Norwich.

Heering, Miss G., Kampen, Holland.

Woodhams, Miss A. I. M., Maidstone.

Wynne, Miss C., Glasgow.

SECTION IV.—(CATALOGUING).

126 Candidates sat. 67 Passed.

Merit.

*Bioletti, R., Liverpool.

*Murphy, Miss M., Liverpool.

*Hobby, W. J., Chelsea.

Passed.

Allan, Miss J. M., Edinburgh.

*Campbell, Miss M., Brighton.

*Atkins, Miss E., Liverpool.

*Carr, J. A., Liverpool.

*Austing, A. T., Wood Green.

*Carr, Miss L. M., Croydon.

*Baker, Miss L. J., Liverpool.

*Chisnall, Miss O., Birkenhead.

Berry, Miss M. I., Bolton.

*Cooper, F. J., Portsmouth.

*Bussey, F. T., Hackney.

Cronshaw, F. E., Oldham.

Caldwell, S., Warrington.

Dalgoutte, W. C., Glasgow.

- *Dodd, E. C., Hornsey.
- Dow, A., Glasgow.
- Fairweather, Miss E., Worksop.
- Falconer, Miss A. L., Cheltenham.
- *Gayford, Miss K. M., Norwich.
- Hamilton, Miss A. G., Glasgow.
- *Haultain, Miss E. M. A., Kingston-on-Thames.
- *Hill, Miss I., Newton-in-Makerfield.
- *Hill, W. J., Woolwich.
- Hunter, Miss M., Glasgow.
- Hutchings, F. G. B., Glasgow.
- *Jackson, G. P., Bradford.
- Jeffrey, Miss P. M., Cheltenham.
- *Jerwood, Miss C., Birmingham.
- Johnson, Miss A., Darlington.
- *Jones, C. H., Hackney.
- Kennedy, D., Glasgow.
- Ker, Miss H. F., Cheltenham.
- Kinloch, Miss M., Darlington.
- Leath, C., Leigh.
- Lee, W. A., Taunton.
- McGarrity, Miss H. R. R., Glasgow
- McKenzie, Miss I., Loughborough.
- McKinnon, J., Glasgow.
- McLeod, D., Glasgow.
- Mather, Miss W. K., Bradford.
- *Milner, Miss I., Bradford.
- Moyle, Miss E. M., Torquay.
- Norman, E., Burnley.
- Osborne, Miss N., Derby.
- Peters, Miss E. M., Cardiff.
- *Price, F. S., Walsall.
- *Pritchard, Miss D., Liverpool.
- Purdie, J. B., Glasgow.
- *Pyman, Miss E. E., Lowestoft.
- Robinson, Miss M. U., Wakefield.
- Rock, C. H., Tottenham.
- Scroggs, E., Oxford.
- Snaith, Miss M., Carlisle.
- *Summerfield, J. V., Portsmouth.
- *Swift, J., Bolton.
- *Thomas, Miss M. I., Bootle.
- *Toms, Miss S., Islington.
- Wagstaff, Miss E., Leicester.
- *Watson, Miss M. C., Brighton.
- Wilkinson, E., Bradford.
- Wilson, Miss E., Glasgow.
- *Wilson, H. J., Tottenham.
- *Wilson, J. L., Tottenham.
- Woodhams, Miss A. I. M., Maidstone.

SECTION V.—(LIBRARY ORGANIZATION).

69 Candidates sat. 36 Passed.

Passed.

- *Alexander, Miss M., Norwich.
- *Allen, Miss N. G., Newark-on-Trent.
- *Bailey, Miss W. L., Lowestoft.
- Baker, Miss C., Ealing.
- *Bennett, Miss K. R., Portsmouth.
- *Cowley, T. N., Coventry.
- Croft, Miss I., Grimsby.
- Dean, Miss W., Ilkley.
- *Edwards, Miss E. M., Norwich.
- *Getty, J., Belfast.
- *Groom, W. F., Croydon.
- Harkness, J., Glasgow.
- *Hayes, Miss C. A., Croydon.
- Hill, T., Bolton.
- Higginbottom, Miss J., Manchester.
- Hinton, E. A., Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
- *Johnson, Miss L. A., Fulham.
- *Johnson, Miss M., Coventry
- Johnson, Miss W. M., Coventry.
- *Kellington, F. W., Sheffield.
- Lynes, A. G., Coventry.
- *McDonald, Miss E. M., Sheffield.
- Musgrave, C. W., Croydon.
- *Newland, G. A., Mile End.
- *Procter, Miss D. E., Birmingham.
- Reeves, Miss C. G., Central Library for Students, London.
- Spencer, Miss E. M., Coventry.
- Stevenson, T., Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
- *Stubbs, Miss E., Liverpool.
- *Talmey, Miss F. L., Hove.
- *Tozer, E. S., Kilburn.
- *Ward, E. A., Coventry.
- Waterfield, R., Exeter.
- *Weston, Miss E. M., Birmingham.
- *Wood, Miss N., Lowestoft.
- Younger, Dr. R., Glasgow.

SECTION VI.—(LIBRARY ROUTINE).

194 Candidates sat. 64 Passed.

Honours.

Barnard, C. C., Tropical Diseases Library, London.

Merit.

Hinton, E. A., Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Speight, Miss P. M., Johannesburg.
Quinn, Miss M. S., Chelsea.

Passed.

- Batchelor, R. A., Wallasey.
*Boxall, C., Kensington.
Burn, H., Carlisle.
Burnett, J. A., Edinburgh.
Bone, Miss B. C., Birmingham.
Campbell, Miss E., Glasgow.
Cooper, Miss E. K., Norwich.
*Corley, Miss H., Liverpool.
Drewery, R. F., Hull.
Edwards, Miss E. H., Aberystwyth.
Eglington, Miss A. N., Glasgow.
*Fairey, Miss L. G., Birmingham.
Fairhurst, A. C., Wigan.
Falconer, Miss A. L., Cheltenham.
*Foster, Miss W., Birmingham.
Garner, Miss D., Wallasey.
*Greenwood, Miss I. B., Warrington.
Hackett, Miss A., Belfast.
Hall, A. H., Guildhall Library,
London.
*Hawes, S. A., Norwich.
Hewitt, R., Manchester.
Howarth, H. H., Bolton.
*Howell, W. A., Poplar.
Howe, Miss K. A., Glasgow.
*Ingham, N. D., Bolton.
*Ingram, Miss F. E. F., Woolwich.
*Jones, Miss C. A., Liverpool.
Jones, W., Warrington.
Ker, H. F., Cheltenham.
*Langton, Miss K. A., Liverpool.
*Luke, Miss A. B., Kirkcaldy.
Mitchell, Miss J. S., Glasgow.
Moore, Miss M., Derby.
*Muir, Miss L. H., Liverpool.
Naylor, H., Bolton.
Noble, T., Salford.
Norbury, Miss B., Manchester.
*Ovell, Miss D. I., Ipswich.
Pratt, Miss A. Mc.G., Glasgow.
Pummell, M. T., Fulham.
Riches, J. E., Croydon.
Sargeant, Miss D. J., Gilstrap.
Schletter, Miss H. E., London.
Scott, Miss L. M., Hove.
Smith, E. A., Croydon.
*Speight, S. P., Bolton.
Steven, Miss M. P., Glasgow.
*Stevenson, T., Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
Stevenson, W. B., Wallasey.
*Stonebridge, A. J. D., St. Maryle-
bone.
*Talmey, Miss E. M., Hove.
*Taylor, W. S., Dundee.
Tennant, Miss L. F., Wallasey.
Thompso, A., Ilkley.
Waterfield, R., Exeter.
*Watkins, A. H., Gainsborough.
Wells, Miss N. E., Bath.
Wilson, Miss W. C., Sheffield.
*Wise, Miss H. C., Croydon.
*Wood, J. A., Tottenham.

* Member A.A.L.

BOOKS OF THE MONTH.

Abercrombie (Lascelles). *Idea of Great Poetry.* (Secker, 6/-.)
Nobody who cares for great poetry should miss this book.

—*Times Lit. Sup.*

Brougham (E. M.). *Varia: a miscellany of verse and
prose.* (Heinemann, 8/6.)

Ervine (St. John). *Parnell.* (Benn, 12/6.)

Mr. Ervine has created a book which is not only vivid and kindling as
a tale, but indispensable for the study of the subject as a part of public
affairs.—*The Observer.*

Evans (Joan). *Life in Medieval France.* (Oxford Univ. Pr., 15/-.)

As an introduction, a stimulus to the study of medieval France, Miss
Evans' book should be of great use.—*Times Lit. Sup.*

Gerhardi (William). *The Polyglots: a novel.*

(Cobden Sanderson, 7/6.)

The author in his second book has repeated the success he achieved with
"Futility."

Glaspell (Susan). *Glory of the Conquered.* (Jarrold, 7/6.)

Although in the author's opinion this book is less finished and mature than "Fidelity," it has had a most enthusiastic reception.

Lalou (René). *Contemporary French Literature.* Trans. from the French by W. Bradley. (Cape, 18/-.)

Deals with the last fifty years of French literature. Useful for reference, as a text-book and for the general reader.

Laski (Harold J.). *A Grammar of Politics.* (Allen & Unwin, 18/-.)

This is a remarkable book. Mr. Laski is one of the most brilliant of our younger political writers. His new work is directed to observation of current affairs.—*Viscount Haldane.*

Murasaki (Lady). *The Tale of Genji.* Trans. from the Japanese by Arthur Waley. (Allen & Unwin, 10/6.)

Written at the beginning of the eleventh century, and now translated for the first time. To be completed in six volumes. Lady Murasaki has every quality which goes to make a great novelist. The work, when completed, will probably prove one of the twelve great novels of the world.—*The Nation.*

Parkes (Joan). *Travel in England in the Seventeenth Century.* (Oxford Univ. Pr., 21/-.)

Full of information of the social life of the period, and not the least important with books of this class, it is well illustrated.

Tom Moore's Diary: a selection edited with an introduction by J. B. Priestly. (Cambridge Univ. Pr., 6/-.)

THE DIVISIONS.

EASTERN COUNTIES DIVISION.

By the invitation of the Borough Librarian (Miss K. Durrant, M.L.A./.) a meeting was held at the Lowestoft Public Library, on the 8th July, when Miss Durrant presided over a meeting representative of members from Ipswich, Lowestoft, Norwich and Yarmouth. The members of the Divisions were welcomed by the Vice-Chairman of the Library Committee (Mr. O. A. Reade), who expressed the regret of the Chairman of the Committee (Mr. W. R. Head), that he was prevented, through illness, from being present. Miss Durrant, on behalf of herself and the staff of the Lowestoft Public Library, said it gave them very great pleasure that the second meeting of the newly formed Division should take place at Lowestoft.

A discussion on "Overalls" was initiated by Miss L. Smith (Norwich), who read a paper briefly summarising the arguments which had been urged in favour of the adoption of overalls for library staffs. In her analysis of these arguments, Miss Smith took the view that the wearing of overalls—or any uniform—was unnecessary, and was undesirable in that it tended to veil individual personality. She pointed out that writers on the subject seemed only to have female members of the staff in mind, and concluded with a humorous suggestion extracted from the "Library Journal" (1890) which described a uniform for the librarian of the other sex. Interest in the discussion was enhanced by the exhibition of several overalls obtained from libraries in which they were at present used.

Miss Flegg and Miss Ovell (both of Ipswich), spoke in favour of the wearing of overalls, and stated that their adoption at Ipswich had been as a result of the wishes of the staff.

The general trend of the discussion was against the introduction of any

uniform, and was probably well illustrated by the remark of one member who selected one of the exhibits and described it as the "least objectionable."

The President of the Division (Mr. G. A. Stephen, F.L.A., City Librarian, Norwich), moved a vote of thanks to Miss Durrant and her staff for their hospitality, and the vote was carried with acclamation.

NORTH - WESTERN DIVISION.

The summer meeting of the Division was primarily a visit to the Libraries of Wallasey, but a cruise on one of the Wallasey steamers was arranged for the afternoon.

The party embarked at Liverpool and sailed seawards along the Liverpool side of the Mersey, past the docks with their huge warehouses and quays and their hustle and bustle, and then crossed the river to New Brighton. From there the boat proceeded upon the Cheshire side to the junction of the river and the Manchester Ship Canal. The scenery on this side was very varied, commencing with the pleasant view of the eastern portion of Wallasey and immediately changing to the large shipbuilding yards at Birkenhead and later to the Port Sunlight docks. The return sail afforded a view of the eastern end of Liverpool.

The weather throughout was splendid, and the fact of having tea on board greatly added to the enjoyment.

The party then visited the Wallasey libraries, and were much interested in the newly-opened branch. It must create a feeling of envy in many of those only familiar with some of our older, and dare one say dismal, buildings to see such an admirably planned and well kept library as the Central Library, Wallasey.

After being entertained with light refreshments a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Wilson, Chief Librarian, Wallasey, and his staff, for their kindness and help. Without them the meeting would only have been a meeting and not the enjoyable time that it proved to be.

The party represented the following libraries: Bury, Liverpool, Manchester, National Library for the Blind, Salford and Stockport.

The next meeting of the Division will be the Annual Meeting to be held at Liverpool in October.

WILLIAM THRELFALL, *Hon. Sec.*

SOUTH COAST DIVISION.

The 13th Annual Meeting of the South Coast Division was held at Chichester, on Friday, July 3rd.

There was a regrettably small attendance—only 21 representatives from three libraries—Brighton, Portsmouth and Worthing—being present.

The party was met at the Cathedral at 3.15 by Prebendary Teesdale, and through his courtesy enjoyed the privilege of being conducted round the Cathedral Library. Subsequently some of the agile and enthusiastic members climbed to the top of the Campanile from which a magnificent view of the surrounding district is usually obtainable; unfortunately, upon that occasion, the weather was somewhat cloudy and overcast.

Tea was partaken of at the Dolphin and Anchor Hotel, where the Business Meeting was afterwards held.

The Chair was taken by the retiring Chairman, Mr. Arthur Webb, who, in moving the adoption of the Divisional Annual Report, stressed the urgency for members to take a greater interest and a more active part in the work of the Division. Reports from the Eastern and Western Sections were also read.

The announcement of the election of officers and committee for the following year was then made, and is as follows:—

Hon. President : Mr. J. Hutt, M.A., F.L.A., Portsmouth.

Hon. Vice-Presidents : Mr. W. Ruskin Butterfield, Hastings ; Mr. A. Davis, F.L.A., Southampton ; Miss M. Frost, F.L.A., Worthing ; Mr. J. H. Hardcastle, F.L.A., Eastbourne ; Mr. C. Riddle, F.L.A., Bournemouth ; Mr. H. D. Roberts, M.B.E., F.L.A., Brighton ; Mr. B. C. Short, Poole ; Mr. H. Wilson, County Librarian, East Sussex.

Chairman : Mr. F. Pepper, F.L.A., Winchester.

Vice-Chairman : Mr. E. Male, F.L.A., Brighton.

Hon. Treasurer : Mr. A. Hamblyn, Eastbourne.

Hon. Secretary : Miss G. Dean, Worthing.

Divisional Committee.

Eastern Section.

Miss G. Dean (Worthing).

Miss E. Gerard (Worthing).

Miss Hartnup (Eastbourne).

Mr. A. Webb, F.L.A. (Brighton).

With the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary.

Western Section.

Miss Bennett (Portsmouth).

Miss Lea (Bournemouth).

Mrs. Woollett (Portsmouth).

Mr. Cooper (Portsmouth).

Sectional Committees.

Eastern.

Miss E. Gerard (Worthing).

Miss Mardall (Brighton).

Miss F. L. Talmey (Hove).

Miss Young (Brighton).

Miss G. Dean (*Hon. Secretary*).

Mr. E. Male (*Vice-Chairman*).

Western.

Miss Bennett (Portsmouth).

Miss Lea (Bournemouth).

Mrs. Woollett (Portsmouth).

Mr. Mourant (Southampton).

Mr. Cooper (*Hon. Secretary*).

Mr. Pepper (*Chairman*).

The newly elected President, Mr. J. Hutt, M.A., Chief Librarian of Portsmouth, sent a message of regret at his inability to be present at the Meeting, together with a short presidential address on "Little Things which Matter," which was read by Mr. Cooper, a member of the Portsmouth staff.

Before the Meeting concluded an urgent appeal was again made to all members for increased help and support in the work for the forthcoming year.

GRACE L. DEAN, *Hon. Secretary*.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor,

LIBRARY ASSISTANT,

PUBLIC LIBRARY, MUSEUMS AND FINE ART GALLERIES,
BRIGHTON.

July 3rd, 1925.

DEAR SIR,

I have received a large number of requests from Librarians of Public Libraries in England for holiday literature relating to Brighton, and in order to meet the widespread demand from the public for information of this character so far as Brighton is concerned, I have despatched a copy of the Brighton Official Guide to many of the important Libraries in the Country.

It is possible that some of the Public Libraries which desire this literature have been overlooked, and I should be very much obliged if you will kindly give publicity to the fact that I should be pleased to forward a copy of the Guide to any Public Library which has not hitherto been supplied.

Yours faithfully,

HENRY D. ROBERTS.

Wanted to Purchase : Library World, December, 1898, or Vol. 1. ; also a complete set. Offers to Stechert & Co., 2 Star Yard, Carey Street, W.C.2.

APPOINTMENTS.

Fuller, Clifford, B.A., Chief Clerk and British Pro-Consul, Leipzig, and formerly Assistant Librarian in the Cardiff, Birmingham and Birmingham University Libraries, to be Assistant Librarian, London School of Economics. Salary: £400. The other selected candidates were: *Mr. G. E. Flack, B.A. (Cambridge), Birmingham University Library; Mr. P. Freer, B.A. (Birmingham), Acting Librarian of Norfolk and Norwich Library; Mr. H. R. Mallett, M.A. (Cambridge), University Library, Cambridge; Mr. G. E. Manwaring, London Library; Mr. I. Murgatroyd, Assistant Librarian, John Rylands Library; *Mr. E. Patterson, Chief Assistant, Armstrong College Library, Newcastle.

Jacka, Miss Stella, P. T., B.A. (Durham), has been appointed to the Junior Staff of the Sunderland Public Libraries.

*Jones, C. H. S., Hackney Public Libraries, to be Chief Assistant, Chiswick Public Library.

*Leighton, George F., Sunderland Public Libraries, to be Senior Assistant, Bolton Public Libraries.

*Wilson, J. L., Tottenham, to be Senior Male Assistant, Hackney. Salary £200-278 (subject to rise or fall in cost of living).

• Member A. A. L.

NEW MEMBERS.

C. Caistor (Gainsborough).

SOUTH COAST DIVISION: Misses E. M. de La Cour, E. R. Neal and A. C. Matthews (Southampton); G. Trower (East Sussex).

YORKSHIRE DIVISION: E. A. Bradbury (Walkley Branch Library, Sheffield); F. Broadhurst (Brightside Branch Library, Sheffield); C. J. Brookfield, C. H. Jackson, L. C. Jackson, F. W. Kellington, J. P. Lamb, S. E. Pollard, Misses W. M. Kelleway, E. Macdonald, C. Pilley (Central Library, Sheffield); T. E. Osborne (Ottercliffe Branch Library, Sheffield); Miss W. Godber (Upperthorpe Branch Library, Sheffield); C. H. Senior (Dewsbury).

Associates.—Miss C. Fieldhouse, D. Hancock (Sheffield).

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